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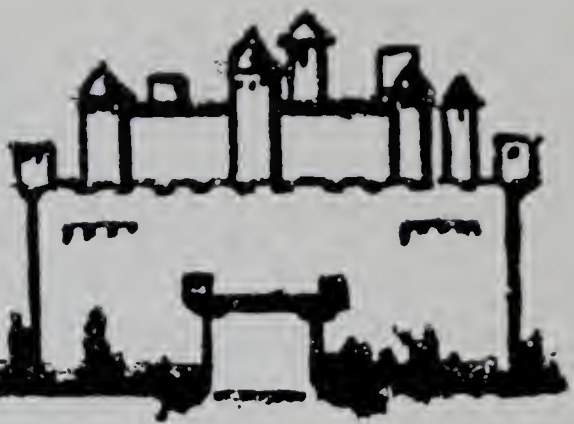
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PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

At the board meeting held at the A.N.A. convention on August 22, 1970, the board of directors approved the following proposed change in the By-Laws:

Article 5, Section 2

“Officers to be elected annually for a one year term are . . . ” be changed to read,

“ . . . elected by annually for a two-year term beginning with the 1971-1972 year are . . . ”.

Any member wishing to discuss or vote on this issue must be present at the annual meeting, Saturday afternoon, October 17, 1970, at the state convention in Moline, Illinois.

ILL. N. A. OFFERS - L.J. KACZOR

Probably the most useful service the Illinois Numismatic Association offers is assistance in trying to get a good judge for your local coin shows. This service is offered to member clubs of ILLNA. If you have ever been on the spot to get a qualified judge, you know the problem.

Now we are not saying we can help everyone all the time, but we will try! Qualified judges are hard to get; sometimes it is hard to get any judge.

Few things are worse for your club than to have the exhibits poorly judged. Good judging is important not only to the winner, but perhaps most of all to the beginner. Beginners need guidance. Good judges can be a big help.

Look in your own club for judges. Check with ILLNA. Learning is the key.

—Jimmy

Do we have any unpublished authors among our members? The COIN DIGEST is looking for some short articles (200-800 words) to be published in our next issue. Any members who are interested are asked to contact the DIGEST editor. As many articles as can be accommodated will be printed.

ILL. N. A. DONATION TO A.N.A.

At the breakfast on Saturday, August 22, 1970 at A.N.A. in St. Louis, Missouri, Ill. N.A. president Oliver W. Horton presented the A.N.A. with the special set of 9th anniversary medals and lead impressions. These will be on display from time to time at the national A.N.A. headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The medals are in a beautiful milk-white plastic holder cut into a map of the state of Illinois. The bronze and un-numbered silver medals are at the top. A brief history of the medal, etc., is written on stationery of the 1967-1968 Ill. N.A. officers and placed in the center, and the two lead die impressions are at the bottom.

At the breakfast were past Ill. N.A. president and past chairman of the board, Roy E. Kuester of Centralia, who designed the medal and past president of Ill. N.A. and current chairman of the board, L. Jim Kaczor, who made the plastic holder and composed the letter. The two gentlemen were thanked by all present for their contributions.

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY

Another year has passed quickly, and the state convention is almost upon us. This is one of the few times the membership has at which it can directly participate in the operation of Ill. N.A.

First, we hope that everyone will look over the slate of offices, and vote for his choice. We have a particularly excellent group of candidates in the board of governors race—please let your voice be heard.

Second, the general meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon at the state convention. We have an important By-Laws change to consider (details elsewhere in the DIGEST). Please take an hour from your time at the show, and let your officers know what you would like to see Ill. N.A. do.

Third, please try to attend your state convention. There will be an excellent group of speakers, displays, and, of course, bourse dealers! Something for everyone. While on the floor, look up the Ill. N.A. advertisers: Palace of Coins, Jerry Bates, and Tom Nolan. They have done a lot to help our organization.

This will also give you an excellent opportunity to personally contact your state officers. Any club thinking of hosting a future state convention should send a delegation to see the work and preparation that is required.

I wish to personally thank all the memebbers for a very pleasant year in office, and I am only sorry that I do not get out to visit more clubs. —Larry R. Camp.

Candidates for 1970-71 Offices in Ill. N. A.

Below is a short resume on all candidates seeking office in Ill. N.A., who have filed early.

We sincerely hope that the membership will study this list, and then vote on the enclosed ballot sheets, and return them to the secretary as soon as possible. Remember that this is one way which you can actively participate in Ill. N.A.—and be sure to attend the annual convention to see the new officers.

FOR PRESIDENT—OLIVER W. HORTON

2393 Washington Road, Washington, Illinois. Collector since 1948, member of the Peoria District Coin Club and president in 1964, show general chairman in 1965, has also served as bourse, exhibit, and publicity chairman many times. Member of the Tazewell Numismatic Society, Pekin, Illinois, as a life member, and the 1968 and 1969 bourse chairman. Associate member of the Central Illinois Numismatic Society (Springfield), member of the American Numismatic Association, Central States Numismatic Society, and was the 1967 bourse chairman for the CSNS convention in Peoria. Currently serving as the downstate Illinois representative for the CSNS. Member of the Iowa Numismatic Association. A part-time dealer, exhibitor for many years, and winner of many awards, lecturer, and exhibit judge. Past secretary of Ill. N.A. (1968-1969). Member of Ill. N.A. since its founding in 1959, and a life member of the organization. President of Ill. N.A. (1969-1970).

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—RUSSELL E. AMES

3236 Carlson Avenue, Granite City, Illinois. Past member of the board of directors of Ill. N.A. (1967-1969). Ill. N.A. representative to the A.N.A. (1968-1969). Ill. N.A. life member, member of A.N.A., member of CSNS, member of Missouri Numismatic Society, member of St. Louis Numismatic Association, and member of Land of Lincoln Coin Club of Granite City. Past president and treasurer of the Granite City Coin Club. Bourse chairman for the last four years for the Granite City coin show. Vice President of Ill. N.A. (1969-70).

FOR SECRETARY—LARRY R. CAMP

1108 West Nevada, 4B, Urbana, Illinois. Secretary of Ill. N.A. (1968-1970). Past member of coin clubs in Springfield, Jacksonville, and several east coast cities. Former partner in Washington Rare Coins, Inc., until 1965. Co-founder of MRHA coin club at the University of Illinois, and past treasurer and co-founder of the University of Illinois Coin Club. Member of Champaign-Urbana Coin Club and Rantoul Coin Club. Past secretary-treasurer of the Rantoul Coin Club. Bourse chairman for the past few years for both the Rantoul, and Champaign-Urbana Coin Clubs. Vice President Rantoul Coin Club; President, Champaign-Urbana Coin Club.

FOR TREASURER—HELEN I. KENNEDY

2105 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois. Past treasurer of Ill. N.A. (1967-1970). Very active in area coin clubs and conventions. Founding member and officer of the Land of Lincoln Coin Club (Springfield), before the merger with the CINS (Springfield). Always seen at area shows helping out with the registration table and talking about Ill. N.A.

FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS—HARRY J. FECHTE

2601 Cleveland Boulevard, Granite City, Illinois. Member of six numismatic organizations, including Ill. N.A., Land of Lincoln Coin Club of Granite City, A.N.A., Missouri Numismatic Society, St. Louis Numismatic Association, and Central States Numismatic Society. Active exhibitor and collector, having won many first place and best-of-show awards at coin shows. Self-employed as a commercial photographer. Director of Ill. N.A. (1969-1970). Official 1970 A.N.A. convention photographer.

FOR DIRECTOR—JACK D. HUGGINS

103 Powder Mill Road, Belleville, Illinois 62223. Owner of own accounting firm since 1948. Member of A.N.A., Ill. N.A., Greater St. Louis Area Beam Bottle Club, Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants, and various other civic and religious organizations. Collector of coins for the past 35 years and past president of the Greater St. Louis area Beam Bottle Club. Active exhibitor who has traveled to many portions of the state with his prize winning displays.

FOR DIRECTOR—WILLIAM E. MILLER

1517 Glenwood Avenue, Joliet, Illinois, 60435. Collector of coins and part-time dealer since 1958. Active in the Will County Coin Club, and can be found at many coin shows in the northern half of the state. Past president of the Will County Coin Club.

FOR DIRECTOR—ROBERT D. LEONARD, JR.

7445 Churchill Street, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053. Collector of coins for nearly 20 years. Interested in most phases of numismatics, including U.S. type coins and tokens, ancient coins, foreign coins, oriental coins, and odd and curious money. Member of A.N.A. since 1961. Member and president of the Morton Grove Coin Club, and A.N.A. club representative of the Teletype Employees' Numismatic Association, a company club. Co-founder in 1962 of the MRHA Coin and Stamp club at the University of Illinois, and also its successor, the University of Illinois Numismatic Association, which was formed in 1964. First president of the University of Illinois club. Co-founder of the Teletype Employees' club and its first vice-president. Has had four articles published, three of them in *The Numismatist*, one of which, "The Use of Stamps as Money," received the Heath Literary Award bronze medal in 1963.

FOR DIRECTOR—WALTER L. DODSON

Route 5, Centralia Road, Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864. Well known throughout southern Illinois as an auctioneer both at regular club meetings and club conventions. Active in many coin organizations in southern Illinois. Member and past president of the Mt. Vernon Coin Club. Member Ill. N.A. board of directors (1968-1970).

FOR DIRECTOR—ROBERT A. RUHS

R.R. 1, Hamilton, Illinois 62341. Director of Ill. N.A. (1969-1970). Past vice-president of the Keokuk, Iowa, Coin club. There are not many clubs in Illinois in Bob's area, and he is interested in promoting the hobby in his area. Very interested in promoting the hobby among junior members, and has actively aided many juniors. An active exhibitor who has traveled to all parts of Illinois to show his coins.

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ILLINOIS AREA COIN SHOWS

September 20 at Mount Morris, Illinois. Coin show held at the Mount Morris VFW Hall, sponsored by the Blackhawk Coin and Stamp club. Walter K. Dillow, P.O. Box 354, Byron, Illinois, 61010.

September 27 at Danville, Illinois. 2nd annual coin show at the Masonic Temple, 109 West North Street, Danville, Illinois, sponsored by the Danville Coin Club. E.M. (Whitey) Grunwoldt, 137 East Attica Street, Rossville, Illinois 60963.

September 27 (tentative) Bureau County Coin Club.

October 4 (Tentative) Bureau County Coin Club.

October 3, 4 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Coin show at Hawkeye Downs: R.L. Harris, 1602 Wenig Road, N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402.

October 4 at Waukegan, Illinois. 12th annual coin show at the Sheraton-Waukegan Inn, Waukegan, Illinois. Sponsored by the Lake County Coin Club. Peter J. Nordigan, 33 North County Street, Waukegan, Illinois, 60085.

October 4 at Oak Lawn, Illinois. 4th annual coin show at the Masonic Temple, 94th Place and 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois. Sponsored by the Oak Lawn Coin Club. John Spero, P.O. Box 365, Oak Lawn, Illinois 60454.

October 4 at DeKalb, Illinois. 5th annual coin show sponsored by the DeKalb County coin club. Holiday Inn, 12121 West Lincoln Highway, DeKalb, Illinois. Al Ratfield, 1408 North 14th Street, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

October 17, 18 at Moline, Illinois. Illinois Numismatic Association state convention sponsored by the Tri-Cities Coin Club. LeClaire Hotel, Moline, Illinois. George Solters, P.O. Box 332, Moline, Illinois 61265. (See details throughout the DIGEST.)

October 25 at Valparaiso, Indiana. Coin show at the American Legion Hall, 4 Monroe Street, Valparaiso, Indiana.

October 25 at Hoopeston, Illinois. Annual Coin Show, sponsored by the Hoopeston Coin Club. McFerren Park Pavillion. C.L. Collier, P.O. Box 234, Hoopeston, Illinois 60942.

October 25 at Rockford, Illinois. Coin show sponsored by the Rockford area coin club at the Lithuanian Club, 716 Indiana Street, Rockford, Illinois. Ralph Winquist, 1004 C Street, Rockford, Illinois 61100.

November 1 at Urbana, Illinois. Annual Coin Show, sponsored by the Champaign-Urbana Coin Club. Urbana Community Center. Larry Camp, 1108 West Nevada, Apt. 4B, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

November 1 at Kankakee, Illinois. Kankakee Coin show sponsored by the Kankakee Coin Club. Kankakee Civic Auditorium, Kankakee, Illinois. Frank W. St. Louis, 964 South Lincoln Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois 60901.

November 8 at Aurora, Illinois. Annual Coin show sponsored by the Aurora Coin Club. Masonic Temple, 104 South Lincoln Avenue, Aurora, Illinois. Bourse: George Bourdeau, 42 Seneca Drive, Aurora, Illinois 60538.

November 21 at Springfield, Illinois.

November 21 at Keokuk, Iowa. Fall Hobby show sponsored by the Keokuk Coin Club. Contact Robert A. Ruhs, R.R. 1, Hamilton, Illinois 62341.

November 29 at Hillsboro, Illinois. 6th annual coin carnival, sponsored by the Hilltop Coin Club. Hillsboro Moose Lodge, 411 South Main Street. Edward Butler, 1137 Vandalia Road, Hillsboro, Illinois 62049.

March 6, 7, 1971 at Peoria, Illinois. Annual Coin-A-Rama sponsored by the Peoria District Coin Club. Voyager Inn, Peoria, Illinois. Virginia M. Baker, 1018 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, Illinois 61606.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Two conventions down and one to go for the annual events that are near and dear to collectors in Illinois — Central States Numismatic Society in Cleveland and if you were not among the ones in attendance at the A. N. A. in St. Louis, just past, you missed the event of your life, already proclaimed by many officials as the best ever held. The St. Louis Coin Club and the Missouri Numismatic Society are to be commended for such a fine convention, which included exhibits, bourse, auction, education forums, and many special meetings of all facets of our great hobby.

One convention to go for the 1970 season, and that is the one that belongs to you, The Illinois Numismatic Association Convention, October 17-18, in Moline, hosted by the TRI-CITIES COIN CLUB.

This is your convention and you should be there, not only as a member of ILL. N. A., but as a Representative of your own local Coin Club. You should be there first and foremost as a collector, an exhibitor, dealer, and also as one who enjoys meeting old friends and making new friends.

Collecting, reading, and so forth is only part of our fine hobby, the other part and the finer side of it being to associate among and with other collectors. This we all should enjoy doing and is something that no one can take away from our fine memories. We could lose our coins, but not our associations with other collectors.

We shall have some fine Dealers in Moline, many wonderful exhibits, a nice banquet breakfast in which many past officers and dignitaries shall be present. Dr. John S. Davenport shall be our breakfast speaker. His speeches are always most interesting.

Another state convention you should not pass up is the Iowa Numismatic Association State Convention in Cedar Rapids, October 3 - 4, at the Roosevelt Motor Hotel. They always have a fine Convention.

All roads lead to Moline on October 17 - 18; make your reservations early for all events and may I see you there. — Oliver

SECOND DECADE SPECIAL

To help celebrate the eleventh year of Ill. N. A., the board of directors has authorized the following plan:

All new members who are signed for Ill. N. A. will be given a free ninth anniversary medal, the reverse of which commemorates the Illinois sesquicentennial. The medal is known as the "Liberty Bell of the West," and was designed by Ill. N. A. past-president Roy E. Kuester. Along with this special, any member — non-officer — who sponsors a new member will also receive one of the medals. These medals alone are worth more than the year's dues, and this special will last only until the limited supply of medals is exhausted.

At the same time you are receiving this bonus, each member is helping both his club and himself in the following ways:

Each new membership is counted for any club that the proposer requests. When this club receives a total of ten new memberships credited to it during any twelve-month period, that club will receive — FREE — the Ill. N. A. 25-inch Best-of-Show trophy.

The sponsor or proposer of each new member also receives credit for obtaining new Ill. N. A. members. At the end of each year — each September 1 — the member, non-officer, who has the most newly-signed members to his credit, receives the Ill. N. A. membership plaque which is presented at the banquet held during the state convention.

All we are saying — is give Ill. N. A. a CHANCE.

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1970 STATE CONVENTION

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TRI-CITIES TO HOST STATE CONVENTION

The Tri-Cities Coin Club appreciates the opportunity to host the 1970 state convention of the Illinois Numismatic Association. This will give all our friends an opportunity to visit the historical Tri-Cities, which is known as the farm machinery section of our country and also where Indian Chief Black-Hawk and his tribe held forth.

The Tri-Cities are made up of Rock Island and Moline on the Illinois side of the Mississippi River while Davenport in Iowa is just across the river and the Rock Island Arsenal on an island in between the above cities. Including suburbs, our population is well over a quarter million in this industrial site.

For the convention we have engaged the entire top floor of the LeClaire Hotel from which you will have one of the most beautiful views in this section of the state. You will see the Mississippi River which at this point flows east and west. It is a view of which you will never tire. There will be a tour of the Tri-Cities arranged for those of you who are interested, and we are sure you will enjoy it.

The Convention will be Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18. The Saturday schedule will begin with the ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Judging of exhibits will commence at noon, so be sure to have yours in place not later than noon. There will be seven classes of exhibits. Beautiful plaques and trophies will be awarded along with the "Best of Show" trophy.

Dealers will find the hotel's spacious rooms conveniently arranged to display their merchandise at their best with plenty of room and no crowding regardless of the large crowd we expect. The bourse tables will be eight-foot size and a few six-foot. Cost for the two days will be \$30.00 for the 8-foot and \$20.00 for the smaller size. May we suggest dealers bring their own extension cords and also their own sign showing their name and whatever other information they wish. By so doing they will have their signs exactly as they want them.

Gene Boyd is our reception committee chairman. He and his "Eager Beavers" will also be on hand to give the dealers any help they may need and assist in carrying the heavy items to the bourse room if such help is required. Each dealer will be given a large envelope with his name on it and his table number. Inside will be a dealer's badge, ticket to the banquet breakfast, ticket for the door prizes, and his free admission ticket.

Due to the high cost of this location for our convention, it will be necessary to make a nominal admission charge, 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children under 18, and this charge will be made each day. Dealers and the committee members, also workers, will be admitted free. There is a large parking lot a block square just across the street and north of the hotel. There is no charge for parking on

Sundays, and the parking meters are also free on Sunday.

There will be an auction Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. It will consist of 100 pieces both days, and we are certain you will find the items offered to be most desirable.

Each day of the convention there will be door prizes. You must be present to win. These free prizes will be given away every hour on the hour starting at 11 a.m. each day. Among the door prizes will be six memberships in ILLNA, and if you are already a member we will pay your dues for next year. You do not need to be present for the gold drawing which will consist of a B.U. Twenty, Ten and Five Dollar gold pieces. Tickets are 50 cents each or three for a dollar.

Plans are being made by Mrs. Don Kelsey for a dessert luncheon - style show which should prove very attractive for our lady guests.

During the convention our friend Chet Krause of Numismatic News is planning on a hospitality room in the hotel, and Chet will be glad to see all his friends. Stop by and say hello.

Sunday morning at 8:30 the usual banquet breakfast will start off the day, cost \$2.50, tax and gratuity included. The mayor will be on hand to welcome you, and there will be a speaker who will have a fine message for you. You will hear from our President Horton, newly elected officers will be presented, best of show trophy and other awards will be given. Above all, we are sure you will be pleased with the menu, which will be most satisfying.

The Tri-Cities Coin Club has long been noted for presenting a fine show every year, successful in all respects, and you can be assured we are making every effort to make this 1970 ILLNA convention one of the best. We extend to you a warm welcome, and we are anxious to have the opportunity to extend our Corn Belt hospitality to you.

OFFICERS OF TRI-CITIES COIN CLUB

A. P. Schmitt, President and General Chairman, 2207 - 26th Street, Rock Island, Ill.

Don Kelsey, Vice President and Co-Chairman, 408 - 45th Street, Moline, Ill.

George W. Wolters, Secretary and Treasurer.

Directors: John Pippert, Ken Seelye and Earle J. Cook.

Convention chairmen as follows (in addition to Schmitt and Kelsey):

Earle J. Cook — Convention and show secretary, 510 - 23rd Avenue, Moline, Ill.

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THE EISENHOWER DOLLAR

According to information released to the press, Congressman Wright Patman (D. Texas) is in favor of a silverless IKE Dollar. He, as chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, has blocked the issue of such a coin for the balance of the year 1970, until the 92nd Congress meets next year.

The joint commission on coinage voted to coin a silverless dollar and again on May 13, 1970, voted 14 to 6 in favor of the production of 150 million 40% silver dollars, which is considered a reversal of their original vote.

This coin will require about 47 million ounces of silver. The coinage is to be 20 million in proof coins and 130 million in uncirculated condition. In addition, an unlimited number are to be struck in non-silver metal for general circulation. The proof coins are to be sold at \$10.00 each and the uncirculated coins at from \$3.00 to \$5.00 each.

It is estimated that this will bring the Federal Government a profit of about 3½ billion dollars, in addition to the usual seignorage of the mints. Some lawmakers have estimated that coin dealers will sell these coins as well as the copro-nickel coins produced in the years to follow to the tune of 658 million dollars for themselves. All these costs have to come from the individual collector.

Is it possible that the U.S. Treasury Department is taking advantage of the coin-collectors, and are seeing only the possibility of a quick profit of 3½ billion dollars? Never before have they produced a coin and placed it in circulation for more than its face value. Proof coins costs were changed for special striking, packaging and mailing.

All this seems to be a move to honor General Dwight Eisenhower through the issue of a coin. General opinions of interested persons are in favor of this. However, why a dollar coin?

First: None of these coins will ever be used in circulation. They will all be collectors' items or hoarded. The present issues of the half dollar since 1964 is a good example. The last six years of circulating coinage has proved we do not need either the half dollar, and certainly not the dollar.

Second: The Federal Government should not get into the coin market. The responsibility of the mints is to produce coins for use in the requirements of business.

It would be very appropriate to accomplish the honor that is to be paid to General Eisenhower by placing his likeness on the dime. That coin has been in circulation since 1946, a period of 24 years. Why not change the design of that coin and call it the "IKE" dime. It would be a parallel to the reason for the present dime, which has had its time of circulation.

An "IKE" dime at this time would continue in circulation, meet the purpose in mind, and would not require silver for its production to be lost from the market through hoarding. —Floyd D. Gibson, Ill. N.A. No. 658.

The Forgotten United States Currency

By Jerry Bates III. N. A. (LM)

In the dark, grim days of World War II, a method had to be found to provide a fair and equitable distribution of various essential foodstuffs, and other commodities that were then in short supply or would become scarce, because of the demands that would be made for the military endeavors. The Office of Price Administration and Civilian supply was set up on April 11, 1941, by an executive order of President Roosevelt.

An act of Congress created United States Ration Currency, designed to implement and carry out the assigned goals of the OPA.

Thus was born a new and different type of U. S. Currency. Congress also provided the same protection for the integrity of Ration Currency, in much the same manner as it had provided for the protection of regular U. S. currency, forbidding the counterfeiting of Ration currency, fixing penalties for violations, and setting up the Enforcement branch of the OPA, with thousands of OPA special agents. These would be the protectors of ration currency, as was the Secret Service, the Watchdogs of regular currency.

Currency forms were designed in the National OPA office, printed through the facilities of the Government Printing Office, and shipped to the nine regional offices, thence to the local boards. At each stage of processing and shipping and at every level they were accounted for, usually by serial numbers of each piece of currency. They were also subject to physical safeguards with the same or better security comparable with the handling of regular US currency.

Although ration currency had a short life, approximately five years, in that span in usage and circulation it achieved a parity with, and its desirability exceeded that of regular currency. Money alone was not enough to buy the essentials of life. Counterfeiters turned with a vengeance to reproduction of Ration currency. It is estimated that the amount of counterfeit Ration currency produced in the short span of five years of the system exceeded the total lifetime production of counterfeit currency by ten times.

To counteract the tremendous output of counterfeits, the OPA set up nine special regional ration currency verification centers to intercept and track down the bogus currency. It took almost two years, but using methods and procedures of the Secret Service, the production of counterfeit currency was slowed to a mere trickle.

Regardless of its past popularity, ration currency is now only a faint recollection, if in fact it is not entirely forgotten by most persons over 30. For the other half, those under 30, in the United States, it is completely unknown.

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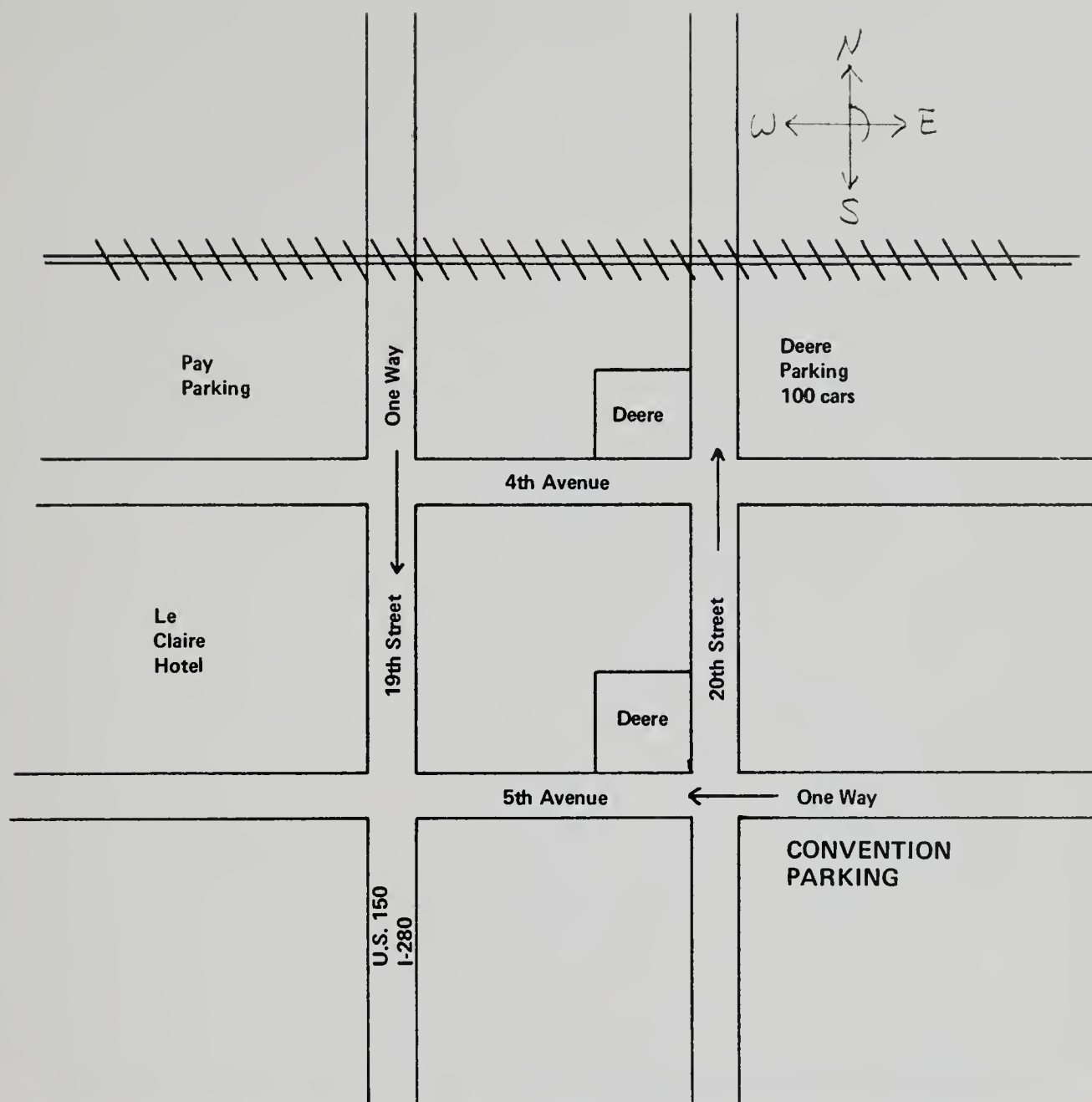
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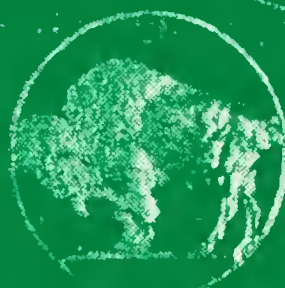
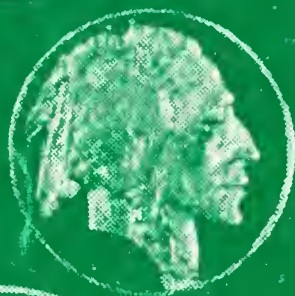
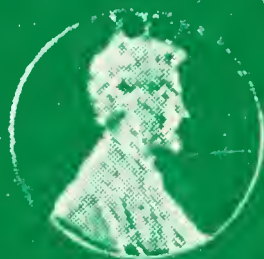
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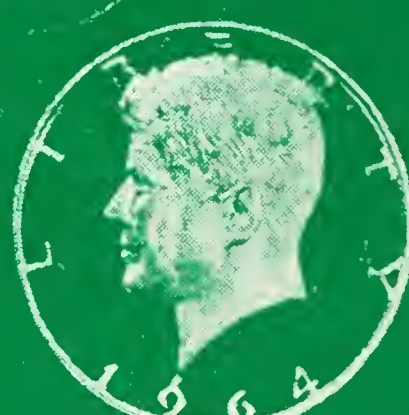
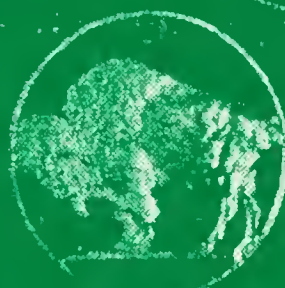
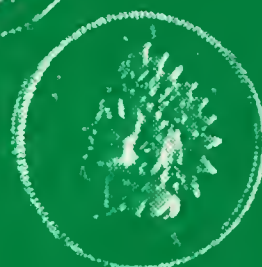
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